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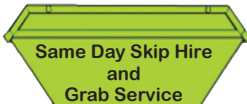


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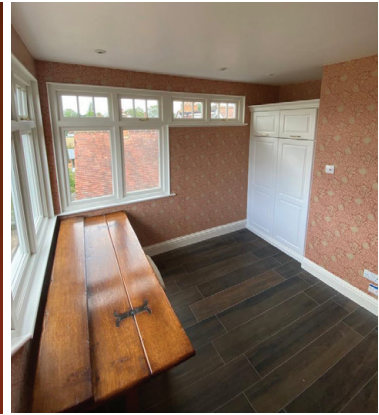
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Spring has officially sprung, the daffodils are blooming in abundance and lighter evenings are here once again. I am really looking forward to getting out and about around the local area with the kids this Easter holidays.

First up we plan to take a trip to Oxford on the bus to explore the **Natural History Museum** which is FREE to enter. Throughout the Easter holidays you can take part in an eggciting family trail. Eggsplore the **Eggstraordinary Easter Family Trail** around the museum to find all the hidden eggs whilst discovering fun natural history facts and themed specimens! The museum also hosts **Science Saturdays** where you have the opportunity to dive into the ocean world with themed crafts and 'meet the scientists' sessions. **Waddesdon Manor's annual Easter Adventure** is on until 14th April and **Waterperry Gardens** are hosting a Hunt around the ornamental gardens. It costs £3.95 per child with a prize - check out their website for more info. There are lots of other cute little Easter trails taking place locally that I have seen pop up on Social Media - keep a eye out on our Facebook & Insta Pages as I will share any that I see.

For any little train enthusiasts, **Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railways**, '*Kids travel for a quid*' initiative is back! See more information about this and their other upcoming events on page 15.

And for those who have work commitments during the Easter Holidays and are looking to book your little people into some enjoyable clubs, I came across a brand new one that's coming to Thame and Haddenham called **The Outdoors Project** (www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/aylesbury-thame/). They provide 100% outdoor adventures for years 1 to 6, which run throughout the Easter and Summer holidays.

There's also **two competitions** to enjoy this month, our regular Thame Players Theatre competition is on page 19 and there also a chance to **win tickets** to this year **Abingdon Air & Country Show** on page 14.

Until next month, enjoy reading...

Love Emma x

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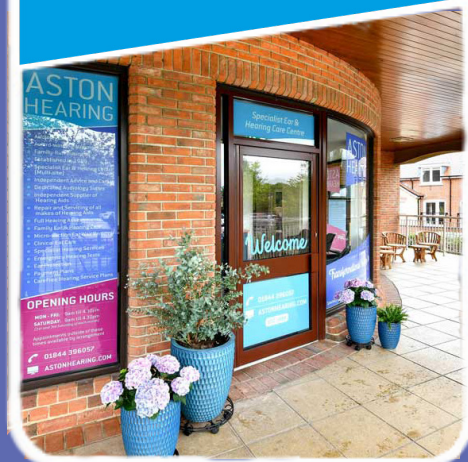
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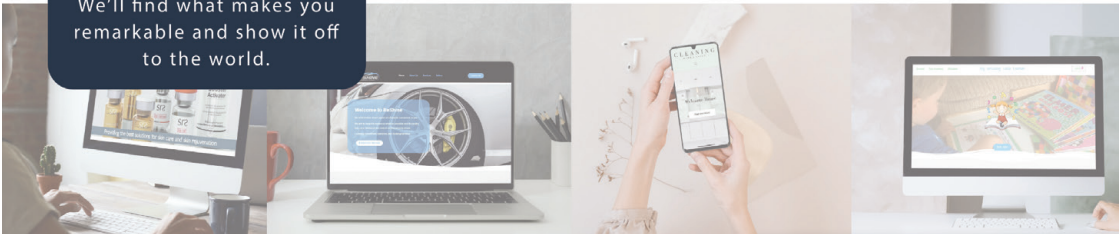
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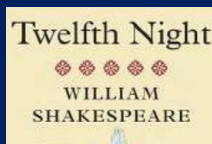


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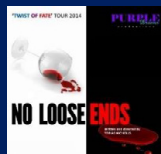


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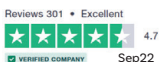
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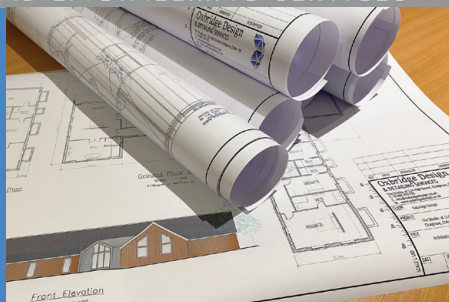
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Look locally over the garden gate with Lucie Giselle Ponsford



Hello, in this April edition of Look Local Over the Garden Gate, I continue to tell the story of why plants perform in different places; with knowledge, there is power to grow in our gardens better. So far, we have discussed apex forest (temperate biome), desert plants (arid biome), and grassland biome.

This month, Tropical biomes (just for clarity, a biome is an area of classification for a group of plants according to their geography). Tropical biomes are found around the equator, meaning no seasons and continually warm. Generally, in lowlands or upland areas, areas of ever-wet or rainforests experience rain all year. These ancient forests evolved during the Cretaceous period 100 million years ago when the Earth was a wetter, warmer place, so they have incredible diversity and ancient plant groups.

There are so many fascinating things about these plants and how they grow, including that some respire differently, closing their stomata during the day to avoid rapid dehydration and, therefore, taking up CO₂ and exchanging it for oxygen at night when the temperature is lower. The soil is also impoverished because of leaching from continual rain, so the massive plants use the upper soil levels where fast-degrading surface litter gathers. Often, their roots turn upwards in poor soils (you will see this in your house plants).

So, bringing it home, where are these plants in our UK gardens? Tropical plants: For the most part, we would recognise these as our house plants, with Begonias, Orchids, and Peace Lilies, though some will be perennial bedding in our gardens, like Begonias, Impatiens, Dahlias, Canna and Ginger, Hardy Bananas, and Palms.

What can we take home from the natural environment? Without a heated greenhouse or plant-centred conservatory, we cannot replicate the fast, hot, wet cycle of the tropics in our homes! So we don't need to overwater; there isn't enough light to complete the photosynthetic process. We also need to consider the soil and use a house plant compost with the right nutrient mix. Incrementally planting house plants into slightly large pots will help them grow and thrive.

We need full sun for our outdoor tropical plants, which would have been under a forest canopy. We must feed them for the best performance in their one Spring/Summer cycle and protect them from the frost. In a tropical rainforest, the rain is more like mist beneath the large canopy, and indeed, these plants do not like overheating watering and will perform better with water to the soil around their roots, only when required. Their diversity is incredible, and bees and butterflies will love them as if they were native as they extend the growing season, flowering well into the autumn until the frost (of which they have no adaptation from their tropical home). That rupturing expanding water as ice will then put pay to them for another season.

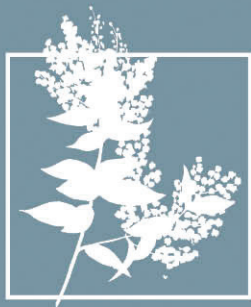
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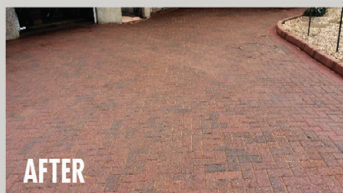


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